



March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Honorable Joni Ernst  
Chair  
Committee on Small Business &  
Entrepreneurship  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ed Markey  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Small Business &  
Entrepreneurship  
U.S. Senate  
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Dear Chairwoman, Ranking Member, and Senators of the Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to express our support for the confirmation of William Briggs to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) and to urge the Senate to provide its advice and consent to fill this critical position swiftly.

The Small Business Investor Alliance (SBIA) is the trade association representing small business investors, including Small Business Investment Companies (SBICs) and Rural Business Investment Companies (RBICs). Since 1958, we have worked closely with the SBA to promote small business growth and job creation, expand capital access, and foster entrepreneurship. This enduring partnership has helped companies like Federal Express, Apple, Intel, and Tesla, grow from small businesses into icons of American industry and innovation.

As we begin 2025, it is essential to renew our focus on building a strong future by growing the small business economy and creating jobs. Mr. Briggs brings significant leadership experience in the private sector and at SBA to take on the crucial role of Deputy Administrator. With Mr. Briggs helping lead the SBA, the agency will be better positioned to have positive impacts on America's small businesses.

As the SBA continues its critical work in supporting small businesses, Mr. Briggs' confirmation will ensure that the agency remains equipped with strong leadership, experienced management, and a clear vision for the future. He is an excellent choice to serve as the deputy to the Administrator.

We respectfully urge the Senate to act quickly to confirm William Briggs as SBA Deputy Administrator.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brett Palmer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brett Palmer", is positioned above the printed name.

President  
Small Business Investor Alliance